

PEOPLE OF COLOR IN THE UNITED STATES.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF OHIO,

RELATIVE TO

*The oppressed people of color in the United States.*

JANUARY 28, 1850.

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the oppressed people of color in the United States.

Whereas the people of color of the United States have been oppressed and enslaved by the several States, and thereby degraded, and believing it to be the duty of the general government to do something for their elevation to that position nature's God designed for all men: therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio,* That our senators be instructed, and our representatives in Congress be requested, to inquire into the expediency of procuring the passage of a law authorizing the survey and appropriation of a portion of the territory acquired from Mexico, for the benefit of all free persons of color who may become actual settlers of the same, and a title of eighty acres of land delivered to each of said persons, free of charge, and also to establish schools and provide for them a government for protection.

*Resolved,* That the governor of this State be requested to forward a copy of the above preamble and resolution to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

JOHN G. BRESLIN,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
BREWSTER RANDALL,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

MARCH 23, 1849.

